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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/657,300	09/08/2003	Leslie A. White	0078.03	9769

TITLE OF INVENTION: NANOCOMPOSITES OF CELLULOSE AND CLAY

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APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1400	\$300	\$1700	04/18/2005

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
BRUNSMAN, DAVID M	1755	106-164510

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Application Number	10/657,300
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First Named	Leslie A. White
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Art Unit	1755
Attorney Docket No.	0078.03

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	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Small Entity	
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____				Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		
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